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EXAMINING GROUP 2871
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In re the Application of:

Hiroshi Yamazaki et al.

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For: SURFACE LIGHT SOURCE DEVICE OF SIDE LIGHT TYPE, LIQUID CRYSTAL
DISPLAY AND GUIDE PLATE

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2001, and having a period for response set to expire on March 4, 2002. A Petition for a three-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to June 4, 2002.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please REPLACE claims 1, 4 and 7 in accordance with the following:

1. (TWICE AMENDED) A surface light source device of side light type comprising:

a guide plate having a minor face to provide an incidence end face and two major faces to provide an emission face and a back face; and

a primary light source providing primary light to the guide plate through the incidence end face, wherein